

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population
District of Columbia,
Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area
December 2009/a**

	Net Change From				
	Dec./b 2009	Nov./c 2009	Dec./d 2008	Nov./c 2009	Dec./d 2008
<u>Seasonally Unadjusted</u>					
Washington, D.C.					
Civilian Labor Force	329,200	329,300	328,800	-100	400
Total Employed	289,900	290,500	299,600	-600	-9,700
Total Unemployed	39,300	38,800	29,200	500	10,100
Unemployment Rate	11.9	11.8	8.9	0.1	3.0
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division					
Civilian Labor Force	2,363,200	2,374,300	2,377,500	-11,100	-14,300
Total Employed	2,212,300	2,226,300	2,262,100	-14,000	-49,800
Total Unemployed	150,900	148,000	115,400	2,900	35,500
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.2	4.9	0.2	1.5
Suburban Ring					
Civilian Labor Force	2,664,900	2,680,700	2,681,800	-15,800	-16,900
Total Employed	2,519,600	2,537,200	2,570,300	-17,600	-50,700
Total Unemployed	145,300	143,600	111,500	1,700	33,800
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	4.2	0.1	1.3
Washington, D.C. MSA					
Civilian Labor Force	2,994,100	3,010,000	3,010,600	-15,900	-16,500
Total Employed	2,809,500	2,827,700	2,869,900	-18,200	-60,400
Total Unemployed	184,600	182,400	140,700	2,200	43,900
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.1	4.7	0.1	1.5

a/ Data may not add to the totals due to independent rounding.

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

d/ Data reflect 2008 benchmark revisions.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes The District of Columbia, Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park; the Virginia Counties of Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Loudon, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren; the Maryland Counties of Calvert, Charles, and Prince Georges; and the West Virginia County of Jefferson.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg Metropolitan Division which includes the Counties of Frederick and Montgomery in Maryland.

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